



All State offices will be closed on February 20, 2012, in observance of Presidents' Day

## 2012-2013 Commercial Fishing License Information

Your 2011-2012 Commercial Fishing License, Commercial Boat Registration and other entitlements expire March 31, 2012. Worksheets to renew your 2012-2013 Commercial Fishing License and Permits, and Commercial Boat Registration were mailed to you in separate envelopes.

## Identification Requirements

Section 700.4(c), Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), states any applicant applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the Automated License Data System (ALDS) shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Any license document or Get Outdoors identification number (GO ID) previously issued via ALDS
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory
- US Passport
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel)
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship.
- A foreign government-issued photo identification

Any applicant less than 18 years of age applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the ALDS shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include any form of identification described above; or a parent or legal guardian's identification as described above.

## Documentation Required for Business Owned Commercial Fishing Vessels

Fish and Game Code (FGC) Section 1054 requires commercial fishing vessel owners to show proof of the statements or facts required for the issuance of any Commercial Boat Registration.

- Articles of Incorporation
- Articles of Organization
- Certificate of Limited Partnership
- Statement of Partnership Authority

## California Dungeness Crab Trap Limit and Buoy Tag Allocation

On September 26, 2011, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 369. The bill requires the Director of the Department of Fish and Game to adopt a program by March 31, 2013, limiting the number of Dungeness crab traps for all California Dungeness crab permit holders. The program will establish crab trap allocations for California Dungeness Crab Vessel Permitholders. Trap allocations will be based on California landings of Dungeness crab made with trap gear from November 15, 2003 through July 15, 2008. For full text of the bill, visit: <http://leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>.

## Change of Ownership or Transfer of Commercial Fishing Vessels with Restricted Access Permits

The following vessel permits need prior approval from the Department's License and Revenue Branch and may have conditions to be met in order to change ownership or transfer the permit to another boat or another owner.

Dungeness Crab (Transferable)  
Market Squid Brail (Transferable)  
Market Squid Brail Upgrade  
Market Squid Vessel (Transferable)  
Market Squid Light Boat (Transferable)  
Northern Pink Shrimp Trawl Vessel (Transferable)  
Salmon Vessel  
Spot Prawn Trap Vessel (Tier 1)

If you have any questions about the change of vessel ownership requirements or a transfer of a Restricted Access Permit, call (916) 928-5822 or refer to the Department's web page [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/commercial/commercialinfo.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/commercial/commercialinfo.html).

The following permits can not be sold or transferred to another person or change ownership:  
Nontransferable Dungeness Crab Vessel, Nontransferable Market Squid Vessel, Nontransferable Squid Light Boat, Nontransferable Northern Pink Shrimp Trawl Vessel, Spot Prawn Trap Vessel (Tier 2 and Tier 3).

## New Regulations on the Take of Kellet's Whelk

New regulations that may change the method of take, season, and total allowable catch for Kellet's whelk are expected to go into effect on April 1, 2012. For more information, please visit the Fish and Game Commission webpage at [www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2011/index.aspx#29\\_17](http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2011/index.aspx#29_17).

## Ban of Shark Fins

On October 7, 2011, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 376. The bill bans the possession and sale of shark fins in California, unless otherwise expressed. For full text of the bill, visit: <http://leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>.

## Digest of Commercial Fishing Laws

The 2012 Digest of California Commercial Fishing Laws and Licensing Requirements is available on our web site at [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/commercial/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/commercial/).

## Deadline to Renew 2011-2012 Limited Entry and Restricted Access Commercial Fishing Permits

The deadline to renew 2011-2012 Limited Entry and Restricted Access permits is March 31, 2012. Applications for the permits listed on the reverse side of this update must be received at a Department License Sales Office or postmarked on or before March 31, 2012. Applicants applying after the March 31, 2012, deadline will not be accepted and may be appealed in writing to the Department's License and Revenue Branch (FGC, Section 7852.2(c)).

## 2012-2013 LIMITED ENTRY AND RESTRICTED ACCESS COMMERCIAL FISHING PERMIT RENEWAL DEADLINES

Permit	Deadline for Receipt or Postmark of Application Without Penalty	Late Fee Assessed	Late Fee
<b>California Halibut Bottom Trawl Vessel</b> <b>Deeper Nearshore Fishery</b> <b>Drift Gill Net</b> <b>Dungeness Crab Vessel</b> <b>General Gill/Trammel Net</b> <b>Lobster Operator</b> <b>Market Squid Vessel</b> <b>Market Squid Brail</b> <b>Market Squid Light Boat</b> <b>Nearshore Fishery</b> <b>Nearshore Fishery Trap Endorsement</b> <b>Nearshore Fishery Bycatch</b> <b>Northern Pink Shrimp Trawl</b> <b>Salmon Vessel</b> <b>Sea Cucumber (Dive or Trawl)</b> <b>Sea Urchin Diving</b> <b>Spot Prawn Trap (Tier 1, 2, &amp; 3)</b> <b>Southern Rock Crab</b>	<b>April 30, 2012</b>	May 1, 2012 to May 30, 2012 May 31, 2012 to June 29, 2012 June 30, 2012 to March 31, 2013*	\$140.00 \$280.00 \$560.00
<b>Pacific Herring</b>	<b>October 5, 2012</b>	October 6, 2012 to November 4, 2012 November 5, 2012 to December 4, 2012 December 5, 2012 to March 31, 2013*	\$140.00 \$280.00 \$560.00

\* The Department shall deny renewal applications for the above 2012-2013 permits received or postmarked after March 31, 2013. Applicants applying after the March 31, 2013 deadline may appeal in writing to the Department's License and Revenue Branch. (FGC Section 7852.2(c)).

### Application Acceptance Policy

Fish and Game Operations Manual, Section 9308 authorizes the Department to accept applications for licenses, tags and stamps for which the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday until the close of business on the first working day following the application deadline.

### Renewing Salmon Vessel Permits

Vessel owners or their agents less than 70 years of age as of April 1, 2012, are required to purchase a 2012-2013 Commercial Fishing License, and a 2012-2013 Commercial Fishing Salmon Stamp, even if the owner does not intend to commercially fish for any species during the 2012-2013 license year; or, if there is a restricted commercial salmon fishing season. In addition, a 2012-2013 Commercial Boat Registration and Salmon Vessel Permit must be purchased for the qualified vessel. Only vessel owners 70 years of age or older as of April 1, 2012, are exempt from obtaining a Commercial Fishing Salmon Stamp. A salmon vessel owner who designates an agent 70 years of age or older must still purchase a Commercial Fishing License and Commercial Fishing Salmon Stamp for the owner or the agent before a Salmon Vessel Permit can be issued unless the vessel owner is also 70 years of age or older as of April 1, 2012.

### Health Advisories for California Finfish, Shell fish and Crustaceans

When circumstances arise, warnings, quarantine information, and health advisories about consuming California's ocean finfish, shellfish and crustaceans will be posted at [www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/healthadvisory.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/healthadvisory.asp) as provided by the California Department of Public Health. This web page was created as a source of information for fishermen and the fishing industry.

### National Marine Fisheries Service Trawl Rationalization Program

In an effort to prepare for the anticipated trawl rationalization program, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced a tool to assist potential fish receivers in the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota Program. NMFS has drafted guidelines for fish receivers on how to prepare a catch monitoring plan. Complete guidelines available on NMFS' Trawl Rationalization Program website at: [www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/Info-Docs.cfm](http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/Info-Docs.cfm). For questions or additional information, please contact the Northwest Regional Office at (206) 526-6140. In addition, NMFS' Trawl Rationalization Program toll-free hotline is also now available for questions on the program at (888) 522-0267.

### Web Index

Department of Fish and Game: [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov)  
Department's Marine Region: [www.dfg.ca.gov/marine](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine)  
Fish and Game Commission: [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov)  
Pacific Fishery Management Council: [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)  
Lost Fishing Gear: [www.lostfishinggear.org](http://www.lostfishinggear.org)